

Appl. No. 10/812,330
Amdt. Dated November 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2006

Docket No. CM02046KD01

Claim Status

Claim 1 has been rewritten. Claims 1-4 remain in the application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Ijas et al. (US Pub. Pat. Appl. No. 2002/0016191).

Applicant's claim 1 recited the limitation that the body halves could be arranged in portrait, landscape, or closed positions. From the description of invention and the accompanying figures it is clear that the body halves are moved relative to each other to configure the device into these various configurations. The Rejection cited Ijas as showing a device having two body portions joined by a hinge that can be *oriented* in a portrait or landscape position, and cited FIGs. 4 and 5. FIG. 4 of Ijas shows the device in one orientation, and FIG. 5 shows the device with the body portions in the same position *relative to each other* but with the device in a different orientation. That is, the device as shown in FIG. 5 is simply the device as shown in FIG. 4 turned on its side. This is substantially different from Applicant's invention which has two body halves which move relative to each other into different configurations. Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify the difference between different configurations and a simple difference of orientation as shown in Ijas. Accordingly, Applicant believes claim 1 as clarified is patentably distinguished from Ijas, and claim 2, being dependent on claim 1, is likewise allowable over Ijas.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Ijas in view of Sun (US Pat. No. 5,937,062).

The argument made with regard to claim 1 applies to claim 3 as claim 3 is dependent on claim 1. However, Applicant has further amended claim 1 to indicate that the hinge is comprised to two asymmetric body halves which interlock, and through which the flexible circuit board passes. Thus, Applicant believes claim 3 to be allowable over Ijas in view of Sun.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Ijas in view of Small (US Pub. Pat. Appl. No. 2003/0069589).

The argument made with regard to claim 1 applies to claim 4 as claim 4 is dependent on claim 1. However, Applicant has further amended claim 1 to indicate that the hinge is comprised

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to two asymmetric body halves which interlock, and through which the flexible circuit board passes. Thus, Applicant believes claim 4 to be allowable over Ijas in view of Sun.

The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

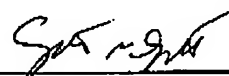
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Respectfully submitted,

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